

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected, claims 2 and 8 were objected to, and claims 9-20 were allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,219,335 issued to Burridge (hereinafter “Burridge ‘335”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,736,702 issued to Pickles (hereinafter “Pickles ‘702”). Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite first and second struts attached to first and second window brackets, respectively, that help bias the lift mechanism toward the raised position. Neither Burridge ‘335 nor Pickles ‘702 discloses or suggests these claim elements. Consequently, the rejection of claim 1 is believed to be overcome. Since claims 3-7 depend on claim 1 these claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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